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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1914.

THE "HOME PAPER" OF THE MIDDLE SECTION OF PROSPEROUS MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

WHOLE NUMBER, 2043.

About Town Notes

Mrs. J. W. Hoover, upon advice of her physician Dr. M. Y. Weber, underwent an operation for tumor of the breast at the University Hospital, Philadelphia, Friday. The operation was entirely successful, and Mrs. Hoover's full recovery is anticipated.

Mrs. J. Anderson, of Philadelphia, and Dr. A. Von Ompteda, from Kohn on the Rhine, Germany, spent Sunday with Matilda C. Baak.

Miss Catherine Robinson has returned from a motor trip to Atlantic City.

Mrs. S. S. Angue entertained friends from Philadelphia on Sunday.

William H. Dettrey will demonstrate the efficiency of a hand fire extinguisher at Perkiomen Bridge, Friday evening.

J. W. Trappe, of Merchantville, N. J., who has been employed at the college the past summer, has returned home.

Miss Lizzie Kratz visited Mr. and Mrs. Harley at Trappe on Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Yeakle, of Philadelphia, spent the week end as the guest of Miss Pearl Conway.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Ingram entertained the following on Labor Day: Mrs. George Young and daughter, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. William Boyer, of Pottstown, and Mr. Parell of Overbrook.

Mrs. Howard Miller spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Litz.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bortz and sons spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fisher in Skippack.

Miss Catherine Miller, of Philadelphia, visited Mrs. Howard Miller last week.

Mr. Howard Miller spent some time in Virginia visiting relatives.

Harry Bartman spent the week end with friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Ethel Wunderly, of Philadelphia, spent the week's end as the guest of Miss Ruth Sheetz.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Albrecht, of Spring Mount, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bartman on Sunday.

Mrs. Bordner is spending the week in Atlantic City.

Miss Ruth Walt spent the week's end with her parents.

Mrs. Baker, of Philadelphia, returned home after spending some time as the guest of Mrs. Sponsler.

Miss Tower has left for Massachusetts, where she will attend school.

Mrs. J. W. Essig has returned home after spending the summer months with relatives in Norristown.

Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Dedaker entertained a number of relatives from Gloucester, N. J., last week.

Annual reunion of the Bechtel family on the Ursinus College campus, Saturday, September 12.

Mrs. M. L. Boorem has recovered from a severe attack of laryngitis.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Boorem entertained Mr. and Mrs. F. S. MacLean, of Philadelphia, over the week end. Miss Jessie Keely, of Chester county, and Miss Sneifort, of Philadelphia, were also their guests for a few days last week.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Trinity Reformed church met at the home of Mrs. Hobson on Monday evening. Miss Yerkes gave a reading and Miss Boorem a recitation.

Miss Hattie Petteroff and the Misses Mabel and Catherine Hobson spent Saturday at Willow Grove and Logan.

Mr. Nathan Simpson, of Philadelphia, visited friends about town on Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Faringer, of Swarthmore visited Mrs. Faringer on Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Hill and Miss Anada Hill spent the week end in Atlantic City.

Mrs. M. E. Coyle, of Wilmington, spent several days last week as the guest of Mrs. Flora Coyle.

Dr. and Mrs. D. R. Faringer, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Tyson.

Mrs. Florence Carmony, of Kentucky, spent the week end as the guest of Mrs. H. Yost, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Honeyman have returned to Norristown, after spending the summer in Collegeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bickel, of Norristown, and Miss Langham, of Royersford, spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Yost, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hobson and children, of Cynwyd, visited Mrs. Ella Hobson on Tuesday.

Miss Augustina Homer is spending the week in Pottstown as the guest of Miss Davenport. On Friday evening she will render a piano recital at that place.

Ursinus College will open on the 15th of September.

Mrs. Wetzel and children have returned home after spending some time with relatives in Snyder county.

Mr. William Ashenfelter, of Philadelphia, spent the week end at the home of his parents.

Mrs. R. E. Miller, Mrs. Christian Bauer and children, and Miss Maria Clamer are spending ten days at Cape May.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Buch, of Germantown, were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Clamer and other relatives.

The Death Roll

Louisa D. Shutt.

Louisa, wife of Abram D. Shutt, of Trooper, died on Thursday, aged 62 years. The husband and five daughters survive. Funeral on Sunday afternoon. All services and interment at the Jeffersonville Presbyterian church and cemetery at 2:30; undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge.

JOINT PICNIC ATTRACTS HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE.

The joint picnic of the Garwood Sunday school, Upper Providence, and of Keystone Grange No. 2, of Trappe, in Garber's grove, near Black Mt., last Saturday, attracted hundreds of people from the surrounding country. The event proved to be a very enjoyable one. The excellent addresses by Hon. William T. Cressy, Master of the State Grange and candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and by Rev. William S. Clapp, of Collegeville, were received with much favor. Mr. Cressy scored a number of telling points in favor of the Grange, and showed how it has benefited farmers in the past and will benefit them in the future. Many old friends met again and all heartily participated in the pleasures of the joint picnic.

Limerick Centre Hotel Purchased by J. P. Fretz.

J. P. Fretz, who has for a number of years successfully conducted Perkiomen Bridge hotel, has purchased of Montgomery Longacre the Limerick Centre hotel, at private figures, and expects to take possession about the first of October. Mr. Longacre will retire from business. Mr. Fretz will be succeeded at the Bridge hotel by John Martin, a brother-in-law to the owner, Mr. Bender.

Sunday School Convention at Spring City.

The twenty-first annual convention of the Lutheran Sunday schools of counties, known as the Norristown Conference, went into session Monday morning in the Spring City Lutheran church. There were about 200 delegates present. The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. H. A. Weaver, of Spring City. Rev. W. O. Fegely, of Trappe, was president of the convention.

Fine Peaches.

The editor acknowledges with hearty thanks the receipt of two baskets of luscious peaches, of the Elberta variety, from Messrs. J. W. and I. C. Williams, the extensive peach growers of near Yerkes.

Lecture in Evansburg Church.

J. Arthur Schlechter, a popular orator and noted lecturer will speak in the Evansburg Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday evening, September 13, at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

Religious.

Morning service at Perkiomen, Evansburg, at 10:30 a. m., Sunday, September 13; Perkiomen Mission, Collegeville—prayer and sermon at 3:30 p. m.

Fall Hats for Ladies.

Fall hats for ladies are now ready at Lachman's millinery. Announcement of opening later.

ADDITIONAL TOWN NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. George Berron, of Philadelphia, visited relatives in town over Labor Day.

Mrs. Harriet Dancer of Dayton, Florida, spent several days last week as the guest of Mrs. J. H. Barrett.

The Collegeville schools will open next Monday, September 14. All new pupils who wish to enter the high school from other districts are asked to come to the school building Friday afternoon September 11 between 2 and 3 o'clock.

Mr. Frank Stiles and family, of Norristown, were the guests of Mrs. E. D. Lachman, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Saylor motored to Willow Grove on Sunday.

Mr. Edgar Robinson left this week for Bridgeton, N. J., where he will teach school the coming term.

Rev. Layman and family, secretary of the Laund's Missionary Movement visited Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Omwake last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Kuhn, of Tacoma, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuhn.

Mr. and Mrs. William Culp, of Berwyn, Chester county, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Culp, Jr., on Sunday.

Mrs. F. W. Gristock spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co., Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c. per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

OPENING OF URSINUS COLLEGE.

The opening exercises of Ursinus College will be held on Thursday evening, September 17, at eight o'clock, instead of on Wednesday evening of the opening week as heretofore. The address will be delivered by the Hon. W. F. Bay Stewart of York, Pa. Judge Stewart is one of the leading lawyers of Pennsylvania and an excellent speaker. There will be vocal and piano selections by Mr. John Myron Jolls and Miss Enola M. Lewis, instructors in music in the college. The students will assemble in Freed Hall and enter the chapel in a procession. Ample space will be reserved for visitors. The public is cordially invited to attend.

IF THEY FUSE?

According to the present plans for Fusion of the Democratic and Washington parties the following would be some of the candidates: Board Knight, Washington party candidate for Congress will withdraw in favor of Harry E. Grim, the Democratic candidate. For Senator, Edward Ingersoll, Democrat, will give way to John Rex. For Assembly in the Fourth Legislative district, Harvey Christman will be the candidate; Samuel Faust, of Obelisk, the Progressive candidate, will withdraw. Frank Moyer, of Souderton, will have the nomination for Assembly in the Third district, over George Bailey, of Royersford. In the first district John McAvoy will have the nomination over James Henderson.

Fatal Fall From Scaffold.

Less than three hours after he had fallen from the West Airy street bridge, Norristown, Thomas Gear, aged 19 years, a painter, died at Charity Hospital, Norristown, Thursday afternoon. The young man plunged from the structure shortly after 1 o'clock and his death occurred at 3:50 o'clock. Gear sustained a fractured skull in the thirty-five foot fall, and when taken to Charity Hospital was unconscious. He never regained his senses, sinking rapidly, despite the strenuous efforts to save his life. The young painter, who was a resident of Cross-over, was working upon the bridge over when the fatality occurred. He was re-painting the iron work when a piece of the railing became loosened and struck him, causing him to lose his equilibrium and he was hurled from the scaffold downwards.

Bridegroom of Fifteen.

Montgomery county's champion young husband is Leon J. Flood, of Pottstown, 15 years old. After Court had appointed Elias Gilbert, a Pottstown Magistrate, his guardian, who gave his consent to the boy's marriage, young Flood and Helen M. Kraus, of Pottstown, procured a license and were wedded on Friday. Flood is a silk weaver and his wife is two years older. There have frequently been girls of 15 who have wedded, but rarely a boy of that age. Usually when the girl is 15 the man is several years older. Flood's mother is dead, and he does not know the whereabouts of his father; hence the necessity of having Squire Gilbert as his guardian to give his consent.

New Filing Cases for Court House.

The contract for the new filing cases in the Prothonotary and Recorder of Deeds office was awarded Monday by the County Commissioners to Jamestown Metal Art Co. of Jamestown, N. Y., on a bid of \$250. There was only one other bidder, the Elftie & Freeman Co., of Philadelphia, whose bid was but \$50 higher than the Jamestown firm, being \$300. The work of installing the new filing cases will be begun as soon as possible. When finished the cases in the Prothonotary's office will extend to the ceiling, on three sides of the room.

Nurse Robbed of \$150.

Miss Mary Gerhart, a nurse at the Jewish Sanitarium, Eagleview, has reported to the police the loss of a black leather handbag containing jewelry and valuables to the amount of about \$150. She says the bag disappeared from a trolley car on which she was riding from Eagleview to Norristown, Wednesday of last week. Miss Gerhart could furnish no clue as to its disappearance. She lives at 135 Parson street, Philadelphia.

Mont Clare Wants to be a Borough.

Mont Clare wants to become a borough so it can have better light, police and water. A mass meeting of the citizens will be held in the near future and the matter will likely be made an issue at the next election.

Religious Meeting.

An appointed meeting will be held under the care of Gwened Meeting at the Providence Friends Meeting-house on Sunday afternoon, the 27th inst., at 3 o'clock.

Ten Ears of Corn on Five Stalks.

Charles Hughes, farmer of the west end of Collegeville, exhibited Tuesday morning 5 stalks of corn averaging 12 feet in height and containing ten large ears of corn.

It isn't only the worldly people who want the earth.—Record.

TYPHOID FEVER EPIDEMIC STILL SPREADING.

The epidemic of typhoid fever in Skippack and Worcester continues to spread at an alarming rate. New cases have developed every day until the list of those prostrated by the disease totals about fifty. Among those recently afflicted are Harry Dambly, foreman of the Transcript office, and son; Mrs. Harry Coll, Samuel Hunsberger, Harry Cole, son of John Cole (who was stricken about a week ago), Charles Pool, undertaker; Mrs. Jacob Snyder, Mrs. Eugene Dambly, wife of the business manager of the Transcript, and Kepler Tyson of the Transcript office. The working force of the newspaper of Skippack is depleted to such an extent that Mr. Eugene Dambly is seriously handicapped in issuing the Transcript. The epidemic is the most widespread in the history of the county. Water taken from the spring and well on Troxell's place is believed to have contaminated the milk bottles from which milk was served to customers, and both have been condemned by order of Dr. H. H. Whitcomb, acting for the State health authorities.

SUSPECTED MILK DEALER WILL QUIT FARMING.

Harry G. Troxell, of Cedars, suspected of having served milk which is said to have caused the epidemic of typhoid fever in Skippack and Worcester, has announced public sale of all his personal property, milk route, etc. He has operated the farm just about a year, coming from Kulpville. He has had the milk route only about a month, purchasing it of Mrs. Bridgeman, now of Norristown. While it is supposed that the typhoid fever germs emanated from his place for the reason that only those who bought his milk or who worked on his premises are affected, it has not been determined just where the cause lies. A man named Nye, living in a portion of the Troxell house, had the fever. It is supposed that in some way the disease spread from this patient. How has not been determined. One prominent resident of that section advances the theory that flies were the germ carriers, and thus either the milk or the water with which the bottles were washed became infected.

400 NEW VOTERS IN COUNTY.

According to the returns made to the County Commissioners, last week, by the Assessors of the 147 election districts in this county, almost 600 names have been added to the registry list of voters. The largest addition, since the spring registration, in any one district was made in the First ward of Conshohocken, where the extra assessment totals 17. The next largest number was in the First district of the Seventh ward of Norristown, where the list totals 16. The nearly 600 names thus turned in as additional voters in the districts indicated by the reports do not necessarily mean that all of these persons are new residents in the county. The majority are, but some who changed their place of residence since the spring assessment and registration, are, of course, entered as new voters in the district where they now reside. The Court has also directed by the names which were stricken off the spring records, and which represent about one-third of the 600.

BOY DROWNED IN PAWLING LOCKS.

Roy Leon Harkins was drowned in the Pawling locks on Saturday afternoon. He was left in the care of the locks by his father, and while crossing from one side to the other, tripped and fell in the lock chamber, which contained 13 feet of water. The body was recovered a short time after the accident by Frank Rush, of Valley Forge, who was fishing in the dam. An effort was made to resuscitate the boy, but it was in vain. Another accident happened at this place in February, 1913, when two men were drowned, Jonas Eber Yerger and William H. Yerger. They broke through the ice.

Discretionary Power of School Directors Upheld.

The court Monday morning refused the injunction sought by the J. Frank Boyer Plumbing and Heating Company, of Norristown, to restrain the Plymouth school district from awarding a plumbing contract to Ira Bickhart, of Conshohocken.

The Boyer Company sought to have the court compel the school board to award the contract to it on the ground that it was the lowest bidder, at \$710 for the work on the new high school at Plymouth Meeting.

Rock. Bickhart's bid was \$725. The contention of the school board was that it had the right to award the contract as the members deemed the best interests of the district would be conserved. The court upheld this discretionary contention.

Children's Sickness Due to Worms.

Your child will not be sick if you rid the stomach and bowels of worms. Dr. King's New Discovery of Worms will do it quickly and surely. Makes the worms let go their hold without the laxative medicine removes them through the bowels. It tones up the system, gives appetite and promotes sleep. Pleasant to take—Children like it. Guaranteed. Only 50c. at your Druggist.

WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF POTATO BLIGHT?

A prominent officer of the Pennsylvania State Grange wrote the above question to H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg, Pa. The reply of Professor Surface shows clearly that there are two kinds of Potato Blight, each caused by a different parasitic organism, and as it also tells how to prevent loss from such causes, it is of value to all potato growers. It is as follows: As there are two kinds of Potato Blight viz: the early and the late. There are two different organisms causing these diseases. By "organisms" I mean small microscopic forms of living things classed by some as bacteria, and by others as fungi. The cause of the early potato blight is just as distinct in its specific nature from the cause of the late potato blight, as a grain of corn is distinct from a grain of wheat. The little organisms, like other spores of fungi or bacteria, are flying about the air during the growing season of the plants, and when conditions are favorable they light upon the leaf or stalk to develop and penetrate the tissue, and continue to develop and grow within the tissue of the plant. It thus has its period of development or growth followed by a period of production of spores or germs, in which form it is easily conveyed to other plants or carried over winter and through adverse weather conditions.

FATAL COLLISION OF ENGINE AND AUTOMOBILE.

One person was killed, two fatally injured and five seriously hurt as the result of a grade crossing accident, Wednesday evening of last week, when a Perkiomen Railroad passenger engine, running light, collided with a large touring car operated by Joseph Mirth, at Hess' Crossing, twelve miles south of Allentown. Harry J. Edelman, aged 42 years, for many years superintendent of the poultry department of the Allentown Fair, was killed. The following are injured: Joseph Mirth, owner of the car, ribs broken, liver dislocated and badly cut; his wife, skull fractured and hurt internally; not expected to live; Mrs. Maggie Edelman, wife of the dead man, badly cut and injured internally, may die; Walter, Joseph and Edna Mirth; Margaret Robertson, aged 10, of Newark, N. J., a guest of the Edelmans, both legs broken and hurt internally. Margaret Robertson landed on the pilot of the engine and in that position was taken to Allentown. Another son of the Mirths was thrown out but escaped injury. The accident happened at one of the most dangerous crossings in that section.

OCTOBER COURT.

There will be three weeks of jury trial next month, Judge Weand having handed down an order directing that open week of Criminal Court be held, beginning October 5 and two weeks of Civil Court beginning October 12 and October 19. In case all the criminal actions listed for the first week are not completed that week the Court directs that the same be tried during the first week of Civil Court, the week following the criminal sessions. The Court has also directed the Clerk of the Courts to issue a venire to the sheriff for the impaneling of a grand jury of 24 and a petit jury of 12 men.

Leg Crushed.

Joseph Magyar, of Bridgeport, was thrown from a train, which was attempting to board near the Madoe foundry, Phoenixville, Monday and had his right leg so badly crushed that it was amputated at the hospital. Magyar started to walk from Bridgeport to Phoenixville, and when near the Madoe foundry a train came along. As he was tired from his journey, he attempted to board it. In some manner his foot slipped on the step and he was dragged some distance. His hold gave way and he was thrown violently to the ground and the wheels of the train passed over his leg. He also received severe lacerations on the side, arm and lip, and a number of bruises. He was found lying along the track and the hospital was notified. The ambulance was sent to the scene of the accident, and the injured man was taken to the institution. His condition is quite serious.

Import Meeting of Farm Bureau.

The Montgomery County Farm Bureau will hold an important meeting at its office in the Penn Trust Company building, Norristown, Friday, September 11th, at 1:45 o'clock, which every farmer of the county is invited to attend. Besides important business to be transacted, an interesting program is being arranged. E. K. Hibbsman, state leader of county agents, will give an illustrated address on "Farm Bureau Work in Pennsylvania and the United States." A member of the Reading Chamber of Commerce will speak on the "Relation of the Business Men to Farm Bureau Work." The president and several other members will speak on the work in the county.

GRATERFORD.

Austin M. Godshall started on Tuesday for Douglass, Arizona, where he will supervise the musical instruction of that state. We wish abundant success for the young man.

John L. Landes who had been employed by C. J. Buckley left last week and is now engaged in teaching.

Chas. K. Wisner moved into C. Buckley's house and is now clerking in Buckley's store. We wish the young man success in his new sphere.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Godshall who spent their vacation with J. H. Godshall this summer returned to Syracuse, N. Y., this week.

Mrs. Aaron K. Schwenk entertained Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller, of Norristown, on Friday; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Shuler, of Philadelphia, the week end.

Mrs. Annie Pelen, of Norristown, is spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Aaron K. Schwenk.

CONSERVATION VS. DESTRUCTION.

The involvement of the larger portion of the civilized world in warfare, the frightful destruction of human life due to modern arms and the vastness of the operations has focused the attention of our entire Nation upon the events occurring across the seas and has cast a gloom over the minds of all thinking men.

Within a generation phenomenal strides have been made toward the conservation of mankind throughout the world. We have begun to learn how to preserve the weak and protect the strong from disease. Already the efforts along these lines have resulted in enormous economic savings and have made possible gigantic monuments to the constructive ability of mankind such as the Panama Canal.

When the great nations of the world are sending the flower of their manhood to destruction it is almost natural to feel that efforts to conserve life are ephemeral. However, when the work of destruction has ceased the work of rebuilding must begin. The economic struggle for existence will be keener than ever before in the history of the world and the conservation of the health of the peoples struggling to recuperate will be a still greater factor in their effort to regain their physical and economic equilibrium.

As a nation we are in a unique and important position; to maintain which we will need sound bodies and sane minds. Let us continue with redoubled vigor the work of improving individual and public health.—Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health.

CHICKEN THIEF HELD FOR COURT.

When charged with larceny before Samuel Coats, justice of the peace of Bridgeport, Friday evening, Daniel McGinnis declared "I stole the chickens but I don't know who from." The chickens, which he had when captured by the Bridgeport police, were identified by Howard Hampton, of Upper Merion. McGinnis was arrested at an early hour one morning last week while walking along Front street, Bridgeport, with a bag over his shoulder. Policemen Butler and Hoffman took him into custody and when they opened the bag four live chickens were found. McGinnis would not explain how he came into possession of the fowls, so he was then locked up for a hearing, while the authorities made an investigation. He was committed to jail to appear before court.

Glass Jar Exploded.

While Mrs. Ambrose B. Umstead, of No. 1017 West Marshall street, Norristown, was canning tomatoes Friday one of the cans or jars exploded, the hot liquid striking Mrs. Umstead in the face and badly scalding her. Fortunately she was wearing her eye-glasses or it is likely her sight would have been affected.

VERKES.

Rev. Noah Mack of Lancaster county preached to a full house on Sunday evening. His discourse was full of good advice and sound doctrine throughout. Mr. Mack is a preacher of more than ordinary talent.

Mr. Morvin Godshall, wife and daughter and Hiram Bucher and family spent Sunday with Abner Godshall and wife.

Miss Annie Hunsberger, of North Wales, is visiting I. C. Landes and family.

Mrs. Kurtz and daughter of Mont Clare, and Leroy Parsons and wife of Phoenixville spent Sunday with Mary Detwiler. Elias Detwiler and wife of North Wales were callers at the same place.

Isaiah Rieckert and family, Eli Strause and daughter Sara, of Doylestown, Henry Mack and wife of Philadelphia, Elmer Mack and family and Raymond Sell spent Sunday with Andrew Mack and wife.

Mr. Samuel G. Cassel and wife, Irvin Detwiler and wife and son E. H. Detwiler and family spent Sunday with J. G. Detwiler and family.

Mr. Rahn and wife, of Philadelphia, are spending some time with the family of C. D. Hunsicker.

The picnics were well attended on Saturday.

William Kenchen has a fine crop of potatoes.

Miss Ida Vanwinkle and Mr. Harry Dunbar, of Norristown, spent labor day with John G. Detwiler's family.

SECRETS OF THE ANCIENTS.

Recent discoveries made by Professor Garstang at Meroe, the site of the ancient Ethiopian capital, include a sacred well and an observatory, in which there was evidence of instruments for taking observations, especially in determining latitude. He also discovered two monumental inscriptions, with the long Merotic texts extant, which recorded victories, with references to Rome.

News From Trappe

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Schrack and son Norman with friends from Pottstown, numbering thirteen, motored to Shoemakersville, Monday.

Miss Elsie Hatfield, of Lancaster, Pa., spent the week's end with Mr. and Mrs. John Nace, Jr.

Florence Detwiler left for Hampton, N. J., where she will teach school.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Fenstermacher, of Collegeville, spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Alderfer.

Charles Hendricks, of Towamencin, is spending this week with his sister Mrs. Mary Alderfer.

Mrs. Hallman, of Philadelphia, is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stearly.

Mrs. R. J. Brunner and Miss Edith Henry, of Germantown, who recently returned from Paris, are visiting Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Drach.

Miss Marion Grater, of Lower Providence, spent Monday with Miss Nellie Messinger.

Mr. J. Shellenberger and daughter Blanche, of Philadelphia, spent some time with Mrs. J. K. Beaver.

Mrs. Shaw, of Philadelphia, and Miss Longacre, of Lansdale, spent Monday with Mrs. E. G. Brownback.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matchner, of Collinswood, N. J., and Miss Reva Matchner, of Camden, N. J., spent last week with Mrs. J. C. Umstead.

Mrs. Warren Grater and children visited her brother at Williamsport, Pa., on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bean, of New Jersey, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ziegler.

Charles Austerberry is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner, of Norristown, spent Sunday with Mrs. M. B. Schrack.

A Happy Gathering.

THE INDEPENDENT

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COLLEGEVILLE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA.

E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, September 10, 1914.

WHAT IS GOD TO DO?

The Public Ledger, of Philadelphia, which now and then evidences an acute desire to especially cater to popular "supernatural" influences, has called upon President Wilson to designate a day of prayer throughout the United States beseeching Almighty God to cause the establishment of peace in Europe; and, at this writing it is currently reported that President Wilson will heed the call. Therefore, the following paragraphs from the Truth Seeker of New York, the most fearless and the ablest champion of genuine human liberty on the American continent, are especially opportune, and should be thoughtfully read by every citizen of the United States. The last paragraph quoted sheds the only ray of hope and promise that appears to GLEAM THROUGH THE DARKNESS AND MISERY OF WAR-RIDDEN EUROPE. Here are the paragraphs:

"In the present war which is marring the face of Europe, piety and bloodshed are as ever moving hand in hand. No distinction of sect is to be observed. The Roman Catholic emperor of Austria appeals confidently to God to enable his forces to destroy all who dare to resist their conquering march. The Tsar of Russia replies in the name of the Russian Orthodox church, and devoutly invokes divine aid in his determined effort to wipe Germany and Austria off the map. King George of England is no less assured that the divine power is predominantly Anglican in sympathy, and that the prayers of the Church of England will suffice to bring legions of angels to the task of driving Germany from the seas. As usual, however, the German Kaiser insists on being foremost in claiming a monopoly of the favors of heaven. He will not even admit that the other peoples have any share in the blessings of the Almighty. "Our God" is his proud expression, as he reaffirms his entire confidence in the everlasting Almighty, who will strengthen our defense and conduct it to a good end."

"As non-participants in the race for divine favor, we may well extend the distinguished assurance of our sympathies to the much-harassed deity, who must decide among the conflicting claims, and who can take no action without appearing to betray the confidence of one or more of those who repose their trust in him. In the meantime a number of more naive and simple-minded Christians, whose personal interests are opposed to the continuance of a state of war, are lifting up their voices to the 'throne of grace,' beseeching that hostilities may be suspended without further delay, and that all the contending powers alike may be disappointed in their hopes of crushing their adversaries. What is * * * God to do? Could a more perfect example of the futility of prayer be imagined?"

"That the present war could have come into being under any circumstances is a frightful commentary on the results of Christian civilization. For many years the people belonging to each of the contending nations have united in bringing to the world the most valuable contributions in the domains of art, science, commerce and culture. In a multitude of international congresses they have been meeting on equal terms, and exchanging ideas and services all tending to further human progress. Their common interests are immeasurably superior, from every sane point of view, to the trivial occasions for discord. In this twentieth century, with the present development of the mind of man, it is monstrously absurd to allege that wholesale murder is necessary to settle a difference of opinion or even a difference of interest."

"Even in the midst of the present clash of arms, the not unreasonable prediction is being freely made that this is the last great war the civilized world will see. The peace spirit in itself is not yet sufficiently strong to curb the arrogance and greed of rulers, and to overcome for all time the curse of militarism; but the terrific destructiveness of modern methods of warfare, the wholesale sacrifice of life and property, the immense financial interests forced to suffer irreparable loss, the fearful damage to the noblest works of man in the past, the growing realization of the rights of the common people as against those who would make them mere pawns in the game of dynastic ambition, may have needed just this one huge object lesson, in order to crystallize into an irresistible demand that the deliberate killing of man by man shall henceforth cease. It is not unlikely that the close of this war will be followed by a day of reckoning, in which more than one throne will totter, and more than one empire be replaced by a republic, based on a recognition of the rights of man, so shamefully trodden under foot by those guilty of setting in motion the horrors with which we are now confronted."

In a recent letter to Representative Doreus of Michigan, President Wilson announces his intention to stay on his job at Washington and not make campaign speeches. The President takes a high and patriotic stand and rightly affirms in substance that the record made by the Democratic party speaks for itself. To have reformed the tariff, to have lightened the burden of taxation on the consumption of the masses, to have reformed the currency and banking, to have restored the nation's regard for the sanctity of treaties in the Panama Canal tolls legislation, to have cleared up the debatable ground around the anti-trust laws, to have opened the way for the restoration of the American merchant marine—all this added to the President's consummate able and successful treatment of the very dangerous Mexican situation surely constitutes a record that deserves the sober contemplation of the American people. In the course of his letter the President says: "And certainly this is a time when America expects every man to do his duty without thought of profit or advantage to himself. AMERICA IS GREATER THAN ANY PARTY. America cannot properly be served by any man who for a moment measures his interest against her advantage. The time has come for great things. These are days big with destiny for the United States, as for the other nations of the world."

PRESIDENT WILSON appeared before a joint session of the House and Senate on Friday and asked for "an additional revenue of \$100,000,000 to be raised through internal revenue" to meet the emergency caused by the falling off in customs receipts due to the European war. The following information is included in the President's address: "During the month of August there was, as compared with the corresponding month of last year, a falling off of \$10,629,538 in the revenues collected from customs. A continuation of this decrease in the same proportion throughout the current fiscal year would probably mean a loss of customs revenues of from \$60,000,000 to \$100,000,000. I need not tell you to what this falling off is due. It is due, in chief part, not to the reductions recently made in the customs duties, but to the great decrease in importations; and that is due to the extraordinary extent of the industrial area affected by the present war in Europe. Conditions have arisen which no man foresaw; they affect the whole world of commerce and economic production, and they must be faced and dealt with."

In Rome, September 3, the Papal conclave of Cardinals elected Cardinal della Chiesa Pope, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Pope Pius XIV. The new Pope, who is 60 years old and an anti-modernist, was crowned on September 6. He will be known as Benedict XV. As an anti-modernist he will no doubt exercise his Papal power to further check progressive religious thought among his followers.

SURE enough the people of the Pacific coast had great reason to rejoice when the first loaded vessel, coming through the Panama Canal from an Atlantic port, dropped anchor at their wharves.

SINCE sugar is selling at eight or nine cents a pound the Louisiana sugar planters are making money hand over fist. This condition of extraordinary prosperity among the sugar planters will sidetrack any desire the Colonel may have to tell them how a wicked party ruined them.

QUALITY OF THE FARM BUSINESS.

The farmer may have sufficient area and grow the right kind of crops, yet not be successful, owing to the poor quality of his labor business. Poor crops that do not pay the cost of production and the feeding of these to unproductive live stock are common causes of failure. This characteristic of unsuccessful farming attracts much public attention. Such farms are unprofitable largely through ignorance or indifference on the part of the operator. Under good management they can generally be made successful.

The improper organization of a large farm limits its possibilities, just as area limits the small farm. Single crops or single live stock enterprises seldom utilize farm labor to its maximum. By having several crops there is not only better distribution of labor, but the chances of total loss from crop failures are lessened. Fortunately, corn, oats and wheat utilize the farmer's time pretty thoroughly through the growing season. In some parts of this country certain crops that need labor only a part of the year may be so profitable that the farmer can afford to be idle the rest of the year. However, these are the exceptions. Most crops are not profitable enough to permit any such practice. Idle horses and machinery are nearly as expensive as idle men. If the working equipment can all be kept busy on paying enterprises success is almost assured.

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Now that the season for feeding roots in the yard or for turning cows into fields where turnips have been grown or feeding refuse applies is with us we occasionally hear of cows being choked. A contrivance that will be found effective to use in a case of this kind may be made of a round piece of wood two inches thick and seven inches long fastened to two side pieces eighteen inches long, with a hole bored at each end of the side pieces and also several holes in the round piece of wood. This round piece is put into the mouth of the choking cow and a rope passed through the holes in the side pieces.

CONTRIVANCE TO AID CHOKING COWS. which is fastened over her head in the manner of a bridle. The animal breathes through the holes in the bit, and in her effort to rid her mouth of this a great flow of saliva takes place, which runs down her throat when she holds her head up and assists in causing the obstruction to pass down or be ejected. Besides, it entirely prevents the animals from becoming hoarse and thus dying from suffocation. There are many methods in use to assist animals that are choked, but many of them are dangerous on account of injuring the gutlet.

HORSES FOR THE FARM.
Kansas Farmers Are Advised to Raise Horses and Sell the Surplus.
Maintaining a big bunch of horses to carry on the work of the farm is quite an item of expense, says the Kansas Farmer. Many farmers do not realize how much it amounts to until they begin to make some effort to keep a record of the cost of maintaining horses through the year. It is almost incumbent upon the man requiring a great deal of horsepower in his farming operations to follow the practice, to some extent at least, of raising horses and selling the surplus on the market. In this way the horsepower of the farm becomes in a measure self supporting. There is no place in Kansas more favorable to the raising of good horses than the central and western portions. There are numerous instances all through this territory where

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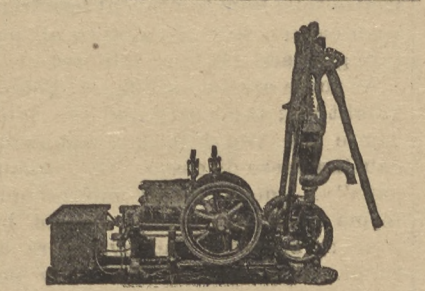
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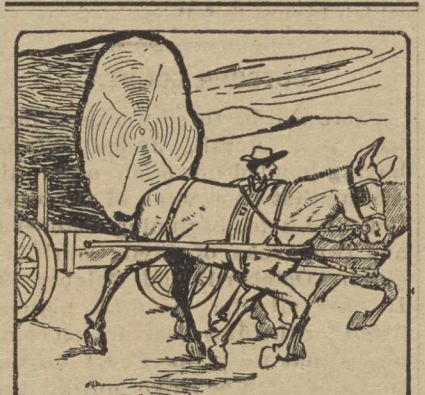
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A Salem Witch

She Was a Bonnie Lass From Scotland.

By SARAH BAXTER

One night a coach was driven upon a dock in the Fifth of Forth in Scotland. A man alighted and called upon a girl to follow him.

"Where are you going to do with me?" she asked.

"Come!" was his only reply.

The girl reluctantly got out of the coach. The man forcibly drew her arm through his and took her on board a ship lying beside the dock. She had been taught by rough usage that it would be useless to resist, and she accompanied the man passively across the deck and down the companionway to the cabin. There he left her and, going on deck, approached the captain, who was giving orders for preparations to sail.

"Here is £20," he said, counting out the money, "for her passage. Take her to the Massachusetts colony and leave her there."

"Is she to be turned over to any one?"

"Leave her there."

With this the speaker produced a bag, opened it sufficiently to show that it was filled with gold pieces and handed it to the captain. The latter took it, thrust it in his pocket, and he who had given it left the ship and was driven away.

Early the next morning the crew cast off from the dock and sailed out into the main.

"Who is the witch?" was asked on the arrival of the ship at Salem.

"A Scotch lassie," replied a woman, "who was on the ship with us—she who feared not the storm when it came, and stood out on the foredeck and talked to it."

"And to whom does she belong?"

"To no one. Some one sent her away to get rid of her."

"The lassie must go back in the ship. It is not meant that one so young should be among us without a guardian," said the people.

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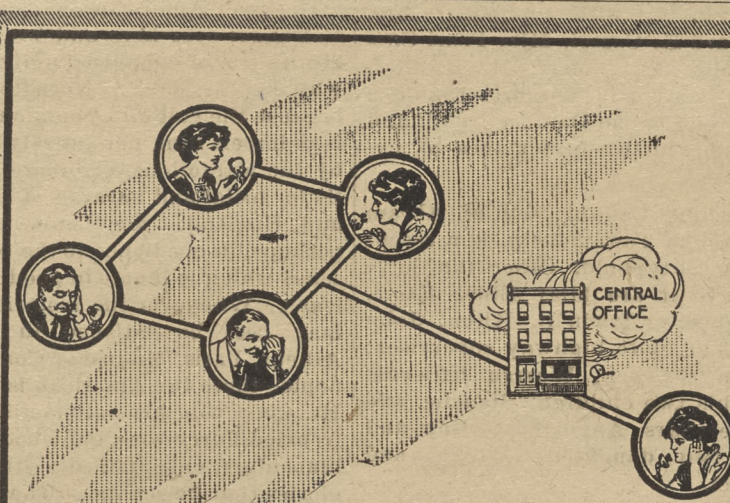
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